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Please address all comments and inquiries to:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District
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This notice announces an application submitted for a Department of the Army (DA) Permit, subject to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

APPLICANT: McGinnis, Inc.
Post Office Box 534
South Point, Ohio 45680

AGENT: XCorps, LLC
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-0144

LOCATION: The proposed fleeting area is on the right bank of the Ohio River between River Miles 930-931, near Brookport, in Massac County, Illinois and McCracken County, Kentucky.

Latitude: 37-04-1.36
Longitude: 88-31-43.19

7.5 Minute Quad: PADUCAH EAST, KENTUCKY-ILLINOIS

PURPOSE: To create fleeting areas for loaded and empty barges from existing facilities across the river.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to add 3 barge-fleeting facilities on this reach of the Ohio River to provide a service to National Maintenance & Repair which is just across the river from these proposed fleets. The configuration for each fleet would be 5 barges long by 3 barges wide. The total number of barges for the entire area would be 45. A 35-foot wide spar barge could be added to each fleet to facilitate mooring during adverse river conditions. The maximum projection at normal pool would be 160 feet.

The physical process of mooring would be accomplished by attaching either a fleet barge or a spar barge to 2 ¼ -inch wire rope and anchor chains that would emanate from the top of the riverbank. The anchor chains would be attached to deadmen, which consist of either railroad rail or "H" beam steel buried with concrete. Fifteen (15) new deadmen, 5 for each fleet, would be installed landward at the top of bank above the Ordinary High Water (OHW) elevation.

The fleeted barges that would be loaded would contain dry bulk commodities, primarily consisting of coal, but also quarry run rock,

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sand gravel, and agricultural products of corn, soybeans, wheat, etc. Red flag barges would also be present in the fleet containing petrochemicals, etc.

REVIEW PROCEDURES: A DA Permit cannot be issued if any legally required Federal, State, or local authorization or certification is denied.

Copies of this notice are sent to the appropriate Federal and State Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Their views and comments are solicited in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1956. Based on available information, the proposed activity will not destroy or endanger any Federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act, and therefore, initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. A request for a public hearing must state the specific interest, which might be damaged by issuance of the DA Permit.

The National Register of Historic Places has been examined, and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the Register which would be directly affected by the proposed work. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archaeological, scientific, pre-historical, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515).

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetic values, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production, and in general, the needs and welfare of the public.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or

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deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Written statements received in this office on or before the closing date will become a part of the official record and will be considered in the determination on this permit request. Any objections that are received during this period will be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

Information pertaining to this application is available for public examination during normal business hours upon prior request. All comments regarding this proposal should be addressed to Michael Ricketts, CEORL-OP-FS at the address noted above and should refer to the Public Notice Number 200300943.